



**EASTER ACTIVITY
FUN MORNING** †

AT SOUTHSIDE METHODIST CHURCH
MARCH 28TH 10AM - 12PM

CRAFTS, GAMES & EASTER HUNT
FOR ALL THE FAMILY
£3 PER FAMILY



CONTACT SUZANNE 07926785121
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK IN



Wednesday Friends

Next meeting:

1st April 2026

2 - 4pm

Refreshments

Everyone welcome

**Stay all afternoon or just call in for a
'cuppa' and a chat.**

See Sylvia for more information

Why not join the some of the Southside
Congregation this Good Friday
when we join **Churches Together in
Central Peterborough for the
Good Friday Walk of Witness
to the City Centre**

Meet at 9.45 am 3rd April at
Stanley Recreation Ground ready to set
off at 10:00 am followed by a service in
Cathedral Square

*St John's Church are serving Hot Cross
buns afterwards if you want them.*

SOUTHSIDE METHODIST CHURCH

QUIZ · EVENING ?

**£5 PER
PERSON**

**TEAMS OF
UP TO 6**

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM FOR 7PM START

- Ticket includes cold drinks and nibbles on table, hot refreshments and sweet treats available in the interval ?
- ? Bring your coins for the raffle . . .
All proceeds to the maintenance fund of the church ?

I had a lovely birthday,
And opened all the cards you sent.
Your Good Wishes mean so much to
me.
And my thanks sincerely meant.
I'll see you all so very soon,
Catch up for a natter,
I'm lucky to have a family,
And friends that really matter.

Thank you
Love Betty

Southside Diary Dates

Saturday 9th May

Church Spring Cleaning session

10 am – 1 pm coffee and tea will be served

Tuesday 16th June

Annual Church Meeting

7pm to 8.30 pm in the Church - we will be electing officers.

Saturday 27th June

Strawberry Tea – Fundraiser

Sunday 19th July

Southside Church Anniversary

Bring and Share lunch after the Service

Peterborough Methodist Circuit Events

At Brookside

Maundy Thursday (2nd April)

Holy Communion service at Brookside

7pm with Revd Colin

At Yaxley Methodist Church

Have Coffee Mornings, every other month on the second Sat of the month at 10am.

The next one is: 9th May

At Westgate New Church

Back of Beyond (BoB) Outreach project meets on Thursdays from 11am to 3pm.

Drinks, hot lunch, afternoon activities.

A space to feel warm, welcome and wanted.

All welcome.

Contact: Suzanne D (BoB Project)

Ecumenical

City Praise

Informal modern worship led by the City Praise Band

Fourth Sundays of the month at 7pm.

The next ones are on: 26th April and 24th May

At St Mark's Church (82, Lincoln Road Peterborough PE1 2SN)

Light refreshments available from 6.30pm.

Interview with Ruth

Ruth has a passion for Sharing Jesus with children and young people. And has been leading sessions for our children during Sunday morning services, on a voluntary basis, for over 2 years now. I met up with Ruth to ask her what she does:

How do you decide what to do each week?

I use a Christian resource which provides me with a weekly topic and related activities. I then create a lesson plan around it each week.

What do you do in the sessions?

We always start with reading the Bible. I ask the kids to read the verses for the day directly from a Children's Bible. I deliberately ask them to read directly from the Bible, so they know where the basis of what we are going to talk about comes from. It also helps them with their reading skills.

Then we talk about the bible passage during an activity. And discuss how it relates to their school and home lives.

After that we have a prayer and talk about what happened in the week and what the children want God to help them with. Then we do some sort of creative activity involving drawing, colouring or food stuff.

With the teenagers we sometimes have a brain storming session. I really enjoy these sessions and find them quite challenging.

Then to finish off everyone gets an activity sheet containing a wordsearch/puzzle or colouring thing to take away and do when they get home.

The children really love doing their crafts and sweets. Sometimes they get really stuck into the activities and don't want to stop doing them after the service has finished. It is hard sometimes to get them to go home!

How many children/young people attend?

I never know how many are going to come from week to week. Sometimes there's only 1, other times it can be up to 5.

I've noticed you have two assistant dogs what are they for?

I have P.O.T.S (Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome) which means my heart rate can increase abnormally quickly causing dizziness and fainting. I don't know when I'm going to faint it just comes on, but my Assistance Dog can sense it happening before it does and warn me so I can be safe. Jess has recently retired as she is 13 years old. Molly is in training to take over from Jess.

What has been your best moment doing the sessions?

I'd been feeling disillusioned for several weeks, attendance had been low and I was considering giving up. Then one of the young people told me – they love coming to church because there is always something fun to do (not like in their old church where it was boring). That perked me up no end, as I knew what I am doing is important.

Is there anything you would like to say to the Church?

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has given me resources to use with the children. Keep doing it as they have all been really useful!

I put a lot of time and effort into the children's sessions. I'm at Southside most weeks, but every now and then I need to be fed myself too. So sometimes I like to take time out and go to worship at my mother's church and get fed there. Please understand I need to have time off now and then, so I am able to worship too.

I think you'll all agree Ruth does a marvellous job with our children and young people. It has been great to see so many young people coming to Southside since Ruth has been with us. Good children's workers shouldn't be taken for granted. And I'm sure you will join me in thanking the Lord and Ruth for all she does at Southside. (Ed)